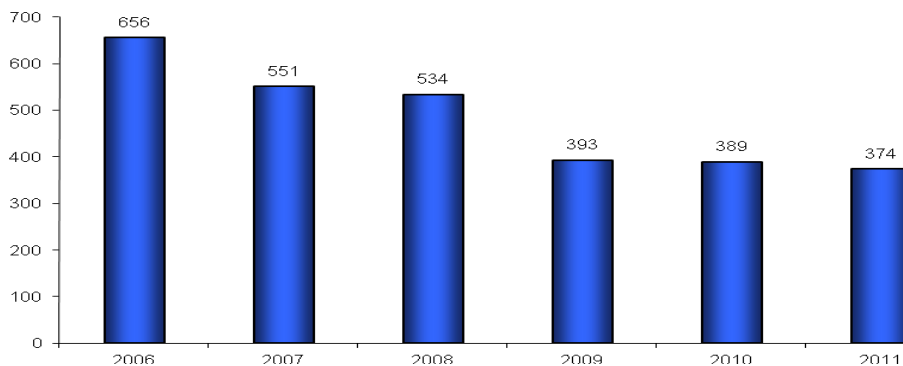


Howard County

Working to reduce violent crime in Maryland

Governor O'Malley's primary concern for the State of Maryland is to provide safety for its citizens. To date, Maryland has the lowest homicide and violent crime rates ever reported in the county. However, the real story can be told at the local level where the difficult work of addressing violent crime and supporting victims is done every day. Over the last 5 years, through unprecedented federal, state, and local law enforcement collaboration, Howard County has seen a 7.7% reduction in total crime, a 2.6% reduction in violent crime, and an 8.1% reduction in property crime. In addition, the county has seen a significant reduction in robberies (-22.9%), breaking & entering (-16.2%) and motor vehicle thefts (-43.0%) as well as reduction in larceny/thefts (-1.7%).

Howard County Motor Vehicle Theft Trends 2006 - 2011



HOWARD COUNTY MAKES AN IMPACT:

Now more than ever before, crime reduction depends on federal, state, and local collaboration. Real-time information sharing, more effective crime analysis, new technology, the strategic targeting of violent offenders, and improved community resources all contributed to Howard County's success.

Governor O'Malley's Office of Crime Control and Prevention is currently funding 26 grants in Howard County totaling \$1,674,371. As a result, Howard County has been able to implement successful crime fighting strategies such as:

- **Alternative Sentencing** – The Howard County Government's Alternative Sentencing program provides alternatives to incarceration and/or fines for non-violent offenders and meets many community organization's labor needs. Staff members coordinate work assignments and supervise non-violent offenders who have received community service as a pre-trial diversion or a post trial sanction. This program addresses the needs that are faced with the lack of volunteerism in our neighborhoods, municipalities, and our state forests.

Key Initiatives

- Heightened Supervision of Violent Offenders
- CompStat on Demand
- Crime Analysis
- Crime Mapping
- Alternative Sentencing
- Domestic Violence Crisis & Support Services
- Rape Crisis Intervention Services
- Protective Order Entry/Service
- Gun-Related Crime Reduction
- Sex Offender Monitoring
- Sexual Assault Examination and Treatment

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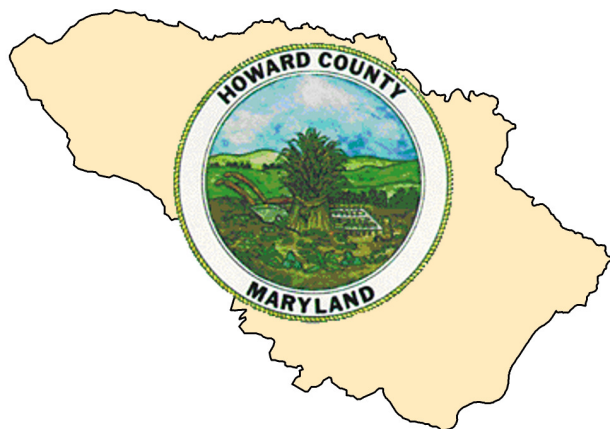
- **Domestic Violence Crisis & Support Services** - The Domestic Violence Center of Howard County's Domestic Violence Crisis & Support Services program provides a wide range of therapeutic counseling services that reflect the individual needs of domestic violence victims and allows them to return to healthier levels of functioning.

The Center has a Rape Crisis Intervention Services program which provides therapeutic counseling and legal services sexual assault victims in the county.

The Domestic Violence Unit within the County State's Attorney's Office serves all victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking, and elder abuse in the county and assists victims with safety planning, legal advocacy, and making referrals to outside allied organizations. The SAO has a Victim Service Liaison who carries out these duties.

The Howard County General Hospital provides forensic examinations, crisis intervention, and volunteer advocacy in collaboration with the Domestic Violence Center.

- **Gun-Related Crime Reduction** – The Howard County Police Department is being provided overtime funding to investigate gun crimes, and analyze recovered guns and ballistic evidence. The program aims to reduce the number of armed robberies in Howard County and provide information for successful prosecution.



"Although we have made significant improvements in public safety over the last three years, much work remains to be done. State agencies must work hand in glove with local police in the fight against crime, and Howard County has been one of our strongest partners in making Maryland a safer place."

Governor Martin
O'Malley

"Effective use of technology, such as MAFIS - the Maryland Automated Fingerprint Identification System - has been a tremendous boost to law enforcement in Howard County. Technology helps us identify, locate, and arrest offenders much more quickly than in the past. Collaborating with our partners in law enforcement makes this technology even more important in providing for the safety and security of our citizens."

Chief William McMahon